

# PACKING HEAT

“I really think at some point we are going to see conceal and carry on college campus.

-Clarence Green,  
University Police Chief

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Missouri Senate Bill 731 could allow Northwest students, faculty and staff to carry concealed weapons on campus. Eight other states have passed this kind of legislation.

## Proposed bill will allow students to conceal and carry firearms on campus

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Missouri lawmakers are considering legislation that would allow conceal and carry weapons on college campuses.

Sen. Brian Munzlinger is the sponsor of Senate Bill 731, which would remove the prohibition of carrying concealed firearms on college campuses in Missouri.

“Mass shooters can kill many people in the time it takes for police to arrive. In the meantime, law-abiding citizens with proper training can save lives while waiting on the authorities,” Munzlinger said.

Under current law, a concealed carry permit does not allow a person to carry concealed firearms into any college campus without the permission of the governing body of the school.

Police Chief Clarence Green said he has been tracking SB 731 and if it passes, states like Texas can serve as a model as to how Missouri should handle this change.

“I think what we have to look at and model is Texas and Idaho and the states where this is allowed. We are collecting information from there now,” Green said. “I really like the current law Missouri has, which allows each institution to make that decision on its own.”

However, according to the Keep Guns Off Campus campaign, a study conducted by the Department of Justice in 2013, 93 percent of violent crimes that victimize college students occur off campus and students on campuses are significantly safer than those off campus, even without weapons.

The study also shows that on average, about 1,100 college students commit suicide each year

while another 24,000 attempt suicide. Suicide attempts with firearms are fatal more than 90 percent of the time. The campaign fears that the 24,000 attempted suicides could be fatal if firearms were allowed on college campus.

Yet according to the website gunfacts.info, after passing its concealed carry law, Florida’s homicide rate fell from 36 percent above the national average to 4 percent below the national average.

In Texas, murder rates fell 50 percent faster than the national average in the year after the concealed carry law passed. Assault rates fell 250 percent faster in the second year than the first year the bill was enacted.

Pro-gun activists say these statistics could translate to campus communities.

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## Lawmakers address student journalism rights with new bill

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A Missouri Republican has written and is now pushing a bill that will give more rights to student journalists.

The bill, created by Springfield Rep. Elijah Haahr, is aimed at limiting school administrators’ abilities to censor stories written by student journalists. High schools have the ability to censor material they feel is inappropriate or too distracting for students. This bill would limit their power to only censor articles that are inherently illegal: libel, slander or invasion of privacy.

“I think it’s time that Missouri becomes known as a state that values free speech, especially for student journalists,” Haahr said during a House hearing about his legislation.

Missouri is a state that totes the third nationally ranked and first ever journalism program in the country, according to Study.com. However, it has had a past of restricting rights of student journalists.

In 1988, the U.S Supreme Court decided in favor of school censorship in the Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier case.

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## Forest Village to begin allowing pets

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Forest Village Apartment residents will expect a new kind of neighbor this fall semester as change in policy will allow for man’s best friend to move into the apartments.

Hall Director at Forest Village Apartments Billy Steinman said that after so many students requested pets, a policy change was in order.

Feb. 4, Forest Village Apartments gave the community a chance to come in for discussion over the policy’s implementation.

Attendees were emailed the policy layout that explained the new housing option.

The policy plans on allowing the average household pet weighing in at less than 35 pounds and measuring up to 18 inches in length at the shoulder.

The number of pets allowed to live in the apartment may not surpass their human occupants.

Students must also participate in a meeting with the Assistant Director to show proof

of vaccinations, renter’s insurance and signed mutual agreement from all residents.

Freshman Ashley Herndon supports the change.

“I believe that, for some, the chance of having their pet on campus with them could be really good for them,” Herndon said. “At the same time, they will be responsible for attending their classes, having a job and taking care of their pet, which might prove to be a challenge for some.”

With previous regulations only allowing animals contained in aquariums and cages, the addition of others may convince students to move on campus.

This popular policy has already seen a lot of support from Northwest students and Forest Village Apartments residents.

When a request is heard, change obtains a higher potential for action.

Policy is one of many things Northwest Students have the capacity to act on. Voices are louder when speaking together. Students here have been heard.



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Starting in Fall 2016, students will be allowed pets in Forest Village.

The New Nodaway Humane Society offers dog license tags, as a Maryville City Ordinance requires all dogs over the age of six months to be licensed.

Information concerning animal welfare, care and training can all be found at the shelter.

Shelter Manager Wendy Combs said a pet is a friend for

life, but requires work.

“Pets are forever, they are just like a child; can’t get one and not take care of it,” Combs said.

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# New tax plan for farmland gets blocked

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Missouri lawmakers blocked a plan that would have raised taxes on the state’s most valuable farmland.

Property taxes on Missouri farms are based on their productive value, or the amount of money they are expected to generate from agriculture, instead of market value. The best land is deemed grade 1 and the worst is grade 8. The Missouri Tax Commission voted in December to raise productivity values by 5 percent on land in the top four grades for the 2017 and 2018 tax years.

Lawmakers had until early March to pass a resolution blocking the increase. The Senate voted 29-2 to reject it following the House’s 133-24 vote last week. The resolution does not need the governor’s signature to take effect.

During floor debate in the House, some lawmakers said the state couldn’t afford to divert more money away from schools. The lawmakers noted how K-12 education is underfunded by about \$463 million based on a 2005 law that rewrote the state’s school funding formula.

Assistant research professor of agriculture and applied economics at the University of Missouri Scott Brown recorded about 35 percent of Missouri’s 37 million acres of farmland are in the top four grades. Corn in the St. Joe markets is \$3.50 to \$3.60 per bushel and to break even, farmers need more than \$4.

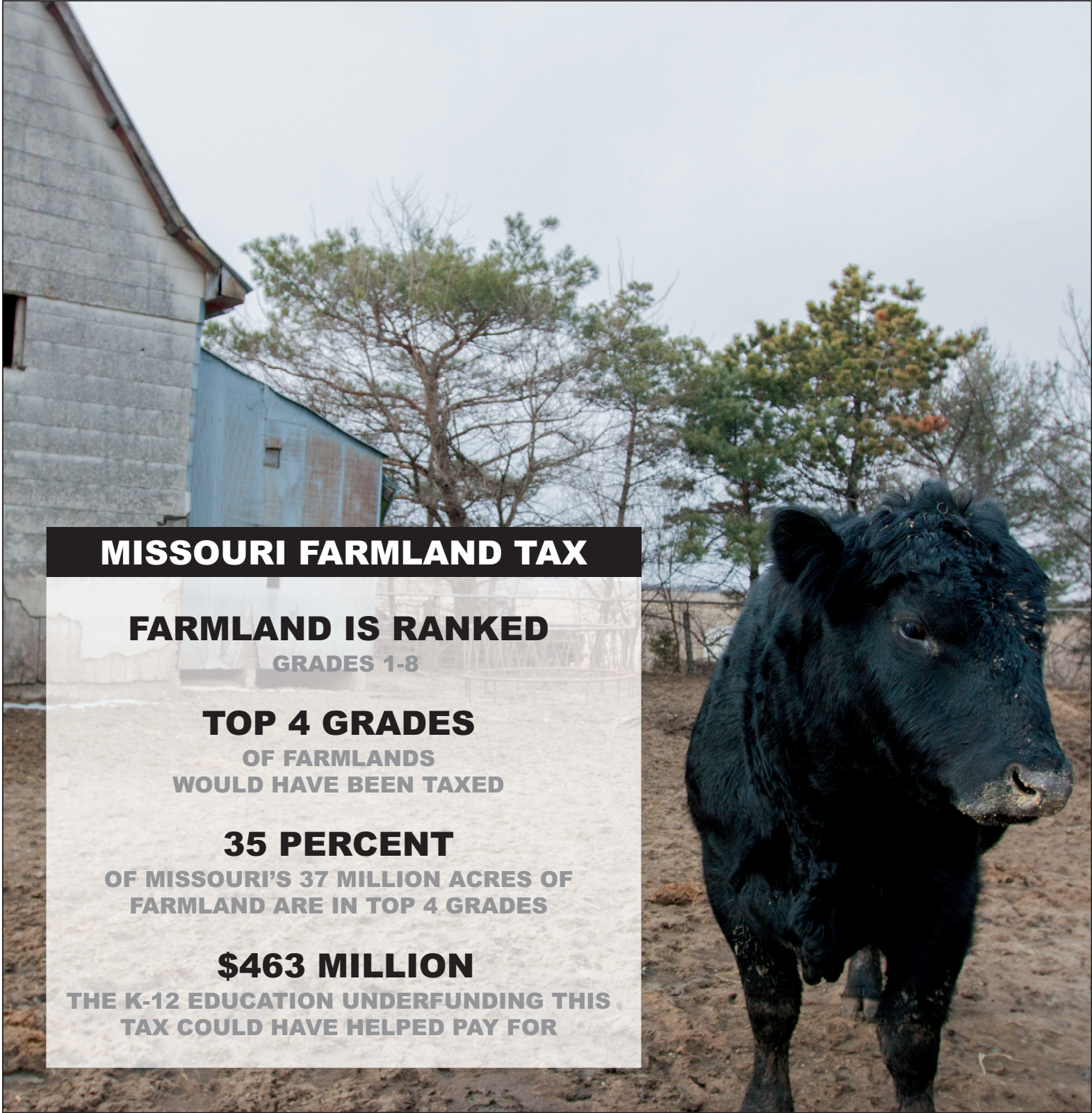
“Farmers usually grow cotton and rice on that land, while lower grades are typically used for pastures or timber,” Brown said.

The tax commission proposes new productive values every two years, though lawmakers have only allowed two adjustments since 1995.

“Productive value is speculative, and policymakers can disagree on how to interpret historical trends. For instance, crops grown on high-grade land have had good returns the last few years, though that could either mean the land is undervalued or that returns will likely decrease in the future,” Brown said.

Sen. Mike Parson, who handled the resolution in the Senate, said the timing was not right for more taxes on farmers.

“Agriculture’s a tough arena. The average farmer is getting older, and many families are selling off their farms rather than continuing to grow food. It’s very difficult for a young man, a young woman to get



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The Missouri farmland tax bill was rejected by a 29-2 vote in the state Senate and a 133-24 vote in the state House.

in that arena anymore just because of the cost of it. But the demands are not going to go away,” Parson said.

Rep. Bill Reiboldt filed a resolution in the Missouri House to reject the increase. Reiboldt, a former dairy producer, serves as chairman of the House’s select committee on

agriculture. Reiboldt had said before the session began that if the tax commission recommended a raise in rates, he would file legislation to block it.

The issue is also important for agricultural organizations. The Missouri Farm Bureau, including the di-

rector of state legislative affairs Ashley McDonald, opposes the property tax rate increase for farmland.

“At the top of our list would be farmland productivity values,” McDonald said.

The Missouri Tax Commission decided to raise agricultural land

property tax values last year, which was the only increase since 1995.

This year’s proposed property tax increase would take effect in 2017 unless the legislature votes to reject it. The Missouri General Assembly’s legislative session began Jan. 6 in Jefferson City.



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## Kansas City opens LGBT specific shelter

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The Kansas City Anti-Violence Project (KCAVP) opened its doors as the first domestic violence and sexual assault shelter specific to the LGBT+ community.

The KCAVP is the only LGBT+ specific domestic violence or sexual assault service in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. They are a non-profit organization founded in 2003.

KCAVP’s mission is to “provide information, support, referrals, advocacy and other services to LGBT survivors of violence including domestic violence, sexual assault, and hate crimes, focusing these services within the Kansas City metropolitan area.” KCAVP also educates the community at large through training and outreach programs.

The new center provides include

shelter, support groups, a clothing closet and a food pantry. KCAVP will also continue to provide their original services, such as court, hospital, case management, crisis intervention, referrals, therapy, training, outreach, and prevention programs.

According to the National Center for Injury and Control, 44 percent of lesbian women and 61 percent of bisexual women have experienced physical violence and/or sexual assault by an intimate partner. Statistics show 25 percent of gay men and 33 percent of bisexual men are also victims of violence. However, only 45 percent of these survivors go to the police.

President of NWMSU Common Ground sophomore Brittany Coppock, believes that the new shelter is a step in the right direction for the LGBT+ community.

“I feel like we’re pushed aside

(in the community),” Coppock said. “It’s a positive change and people are aware that we need this help.”

Senior Kaylee Shardek agrees that the shelter will make a huge difference in the lives of many.

“I think it’s great that there is now a more comfortable place to go,” Shardek said. “I’d be way more likely to get help if I found myself in that sort of situation knowing that there’s a place where I will feel accepted.”

Along with providing a center for survivors, KCAVP will be collaborating with the KCMO Police to combat the underreporting of LGBT+ domestic violence cases and increase recognition by law enforcement. KCAVP will also be working with UMKC as students will have the opportunity to volunteer with the organization.



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# State bill to eliminate gender neutral restrooms

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States including Missouri, Indiana, South Dakota and Wisconsin are proposing laws that could eliminate gender neutral bathrooms.

Similar proposals made in other states have not passed, and this law seems to try to counter others passed by states like Washington that allow transgender people to access bathrooms that correspond to their sexual identity.

Among these laws are others that include fines up to \$5,000 for people who use the bathroom that does not match with their biological gender.

Sophomore Riley Kline believes that gender neutral bathrooms are dangerous to women and young girls.

“I personally would not use a gender neutral bathroom,” Kline said. “That puts you at risk against child molesters and worse. You never know who’s in the stall next to you.”

Freshman Lukas Haas argues that single-sex bathrooms cause a problem for the transgender or non-binary community.

“I have a friend who is non-binary and they have to hold it until they get back to their dorm because they are not comfortable using a gender specific restroom,” Haas said. “They feel judged and unaccepted if they try to use one.”

One argument commonly made



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in favor of gender neutral bathrooms is that they could be helpful to many types of people, including those who are transgender or non-binary, parents with small children of the op-

posite sex and even women who are waiting in a line while the men’s bathroom is unoccupied.

While the subject of gender neutral bathrooms and gender sexuality

continues to be controversial, senior Kyle Rogers says he believes the law should not be passed.

“It just comes down to the fact that having a gender neutral option

when it comes to bathrooms is essential,” Rogers said. “A countless number of people benefit and it is important to have a comfortable option for all.”

## Simply Siam to go under new management

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A new owner will soon take over Simply Siam, and she plans on keeping the restaurant as it is.

Rumors have been circulating that Simply Siam is shutting down. This began when the owner announced she was leaving the Thai-style establishment. These rumors can finally be put to rest.

Former owner of Simply Siam Nok Shuler has confirmed her restaurant will remain open, but at the end of the month, Shuler said she will be going back to Thailand to take care of her father. She has left the Asian cuisine to one of her cooks, Xong Chang.

“It’s just so much. It’s not just about cooking and making money. You make friends, you know your customers, I love my cooking, and my dream came true. But now I have to go take care of something and leave my dream behind. I want my kids to be with their grandparents,” Shuler said.

Shuler began the restaurant busi-

ness in Thailand, working at her father’s restaurant. After moving to America 12 years ago, her husband and two daughters moved to Orange County, California. Her husband wrestled with several jobs, though not much came of it because of the economy.

A little over six years ago, Shuler opened Simply Siam in Maryville. With the majority of the town’s food coming from fast-food establishments, Shuler took a chance in opening a new restaurant.

“I want to say thank you to my lovely customers from Maryville and all the people from the towns close to it. All of them really helped me, supported me, I really do get good support from them,” Shuler said. “I would love to keep this restaurant and hope to come back to help (Xong Chang) out.”

Shuler says the name Simply Siam was chosen because she wanted the restaurant to be simple and nothing fancy.

“I’m going to miss Maryville very, very much. It’s a pretty town. It’s why I say for her to not start new, just give her time. Everybody starts from something.

Be patient, give her time, and she will be the best cook. I just can’t thank this town enough,” Shuler said.

The new owner Xong Chang will be running it alongside her husband Tu Chang. They reassured all nervous customers that the restaurant will remain as it was before.

“With all of the feedback from the customers, we will keep everything the same. The only possible changes will be new chefs,” Xong said.

The new owners also declared that gift cards and certificates purchased before the transaction can still be used.

Shuler said this may not be the last time she cooks in Maryville.

“I might be back. I might come back and buy her restaurant. This town has supported me really well. Out of business is out of question. With the good people in Maryville, you’ll never get lost. I could be up and down, but everyone helped,” Shuler said.

Simply Siam is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and delivers anywhere in town.



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# Political parties still in need of major change



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I really try to not get involved in political debates. I registered to vote, I have my own political viewpoints, but I am not the kind of person that will call you out on a Facebook post for saying something I do not agree with.

However, I realize that our country has come to a gridlock. The conservative ideals are not going to be the death of our country. The liberal ideals are not going to be the death of our country.

Gridlock will become the death of our country because decisions cannot be made and people will not compromise.

This is a threat our country is facing right now, and it is one of the biggest.

George Washington warned the United States in 1796 political parties would eventually cause more harm than good.

“However (political parties) may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion,” Washington said.

In laymen’s terms, political parties will cause undisciplined people to resort to lying and scheming to gain support.

How do you tell when a politician is lying? Their lips are moving. Or their name is Trump.

People in America are so focused on associating themselves with a certain party they ignore what the party truly stands for.

Bernie Sanders, 2016 Democratic presidential candidate, entered the presidential race as a democrat because he knew he would not get the support he needed as an independent.

The United States cannot begin to solve the major problems our country is facing because we refuse to recognize a middle ground.

In 2013, when the budget could not be agreed upon, instead of playing a game of give and take and deciding what was best for the American people, the government shutdown.

Whether you are a Democrat, Republican, Independent or any other party, realize not one policy of reform will fix all of our problems.

The true reform and betterment of our country will come from a conglomeration of ideas and plans.

Ultimately, it does not matter what party you support. It matters the government makes the best decision for the best number of people. And that means not everyone will be happy with every choice.

“I shall argue that strong men, conversely, know when to compromise and that all principles can be compromised to serve a greater principle,” steel baron Andrew Carnegie said.

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Kim Jong Un made the decision to launch a long range rocket Feb. 8 after the United Nations specifically ordered them not to.

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# Welfare is temporary, not an income



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Welfare abuse isn’t a new issue our country has faced. We’ve been dealing with it for decades. Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), food stamps, and Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), the electronic version of food stamps that is on an EBT credit card, is the most common form of welfare causing controversy.

Many people have noticed others cheating the welfare system to stay on the programs for as long as possible or buy insane amounts of junk food, expensive food that taxpayers have a hard time affording such as lobster or steak.

The state of Missouri is in the process of passing a bill that will regulate welfare for many families who have been affected by people who abused the system. Missouri House Rep. Rick Brattin, who is in favor of the legislation, is sick of taxpayers having to pay for people who abuse programs like SNAP and is ready to give the people who really need assistance the help to get back on their feet.

“The intention of the bill is to get the food stamp program back to its original intent, which is nutrition assistance,” Brattin says. “I have seen people purchasing filet mignons and crab legs with their EBT cards. When I can’t afford it on my pay, I don’t want people on the taxpayer’s dime to afford those kinds of foods either.”

According to the U.S Department of Agriculture, two of Missouri’s major metropolis’ made the list for having huge populations of people on food stamps. Kansas City ranked No. 12 with 21 percent of people on food stamps and 37 percent of children using food stamps. St. Louis tops the list as the city with the most people using assistance with 36 percent of citizens and a whopping 63 percent of children on SNAP programs.

Why hasn’t there been any limitations on what people are allowed to buy and how long they can stay on government assisted nutrition programs? As a taxpayer in the state of Missouri, this should anger a lot of you reading this. People who have been through hardships, who were denied assistance because they didn’t qualify should be angered by this. It’s time that our government leaders stop being politically correct with welfare programs.

However, some people who truly need the assistance aren’t getting the help they need due to the leeches of society who use welfare as an

income, filling their grocery carts full of junk food, liquor and filets.

My father works on foreclosed houses around the St. Louis metro area including areas like Ferguson where he has witnessed first hand how EBT is abused. He’s told me multiple times how people who live in government housing will walk down to the local liquor store with the giant “We Accept EBT” sign in the window. Since it is a local store, the cashier can ring up a carton of Marlboro’s or a fifth of vodka as general merchandise instead of showing up as the actual product. Last time I checked, cigarettes aren’t very nutritious.

There should be background checks, drug testing and financial status screenings that can set limits on how long families can be on the assistance or even qualify to use it. Grocery stores should also have a set list of whole foods that can be bought with SNAP or EBT. Pop Tarts and Eggo Waffles sadly don’t count.

I can honestly say, I’m proud that the state of Missouri is addressing this issue but I’m disappointed that it waited until 2016. Welfare programs are meant to be used as temporary assistance to help people who have low income that are struggling to put food on the table for their families until they can get back on their feet.

OUR VIEW:

# Proposed bill champions students’ free speech rights

The court case of Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier could potentially be overturned with a bill focusing on protecting student journalists’ First Amendment rights.

Springfield Rep. Elijah Haahr has written and pushed a new bill that could reverse the Hazelwood case, which would then allow student reporters their freedom from administrative censorship except in the cases of illegal reporting such as; libel, slander or invasion of privacy.

Ironically, in Missouri, a state that totes the third nationally ranked and first ever journalism program in the country according to Study.com, this is and will be a rare step in defense of the First Amendment rights of students.

The bill not only affects university students, but also high school students. High school journalists are seeing the most censorship as the majority of university newspapers produced in Missouri are student run and independent of the school’s administration.

According to Scholastic, the most significant aspect of the Hazelwood decision is the emphasis on determining whether a student publication is or is not a public forum for student expression. Some student publications that formerly may have been presumed public forums may not be after Hazelwood.

Essentially, the majority opinion of the Supreme Court said the rights of public school students

are not the same as the rights of adults in other settings. The Supreme Court’s decision stated that the student newspaper at Hazelwood East High School was not a forum for public expression for students and the censored students were not entitled to the same First Amendment protection as college students.

With the decision of Hazelwood vs. Kuhlmeier, administrators were given permission to censor anything published if they deemed it unfit, harmful or distracting of the school. According to Student Press Law Center and Scholastic, because of Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier, not only have students testified being scared away from journalism as a career, but

advisers of high school newspapers have had their jobs threatened if they opposed the Hazelwood decision.

But with Haahr’s bill, high school reporters could see big changes, which could open many doors for the young journalists.

Passing this bill would be beneficial to multiple students going into the journalism field as it further protects their first amendment rights.

We at the Missourian as a news organization, fully support the passing of the bill as it broadens the First Amendment rights of all journalists by eliminating administrator censorship and giving insight into real world experience in reporting.

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For schools who wish to keep concealed weapons banned from campus, the Department of Public Safety can grant an exemption. However, the school must be able to install security personnel and electronic weapons screening devices at every entrance to every building on its campus.

Green said Northwest calculated an estimate of what the cost would be to hire security and install weapon screening devices at every entrance to every building on campus.

He said the estimate totalled upwards of \$30 million.

Without even hearing this staggering sum, students are already wary of the new policy.

Sophomore Maddie Propst is not convinced that allowing concealed weapons on Missouri campuses is a good idea.

“I think that guns shouldn’t be allowed at all on campus. I understand that they will need to have a conceal and carry permit, but a college campus is not a place to have weapons,” Propst said.

Sophomore Legend Milbourn echos Propst’s opinion.

“Anyone can get a carry permit. I understand it’s to keep campus safe, but if a disturbed or depressed student was to know a teacher carried a gun, he could have easy access to it, that would not end well at all,” Milbourn said. “I think guns

THE FACTS ON CAMPUS  
CONCEALED CARRY LAWS

\$30+ MILLION

ESTIMATED COST OF OPTING OUT OF  
CONCEALED CARRY POLICIES AT NORTHWEST

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STUDENTS OCCUR OFF CAMPUS

are good for protecting people but do not ever need to be near school grounds. They want to lower the rates of school shootings, but I think this might just increase them.”

Green said he understand the concerns of students who fear concealed weapons on campus.

“I agree with those concerns and I have those same worries. I think we have to carefully think

as well as communicate and prepare our campus for if this passed,” Green said. “The law changed from last year (for conceal and carry). It used to be you had to be 21 to get your permit and now its been lowered to 19. That’s like 80 percent of our population. We are going to have to make sure you all know what the requirements are and what the law says.”

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STATES HAVE PASSED LEGISLATION  
ALLOWING CONCEALED CARRY ON  
COLLEGE CAMPUSES



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STATES HAVE BANNED CONCEALED  
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Despite the concerns of students and safety officials, Green said he does think this bill could pass, or a bill similar could pass in the future.

“I really think at some point we are going to see conceal and carry on college campus. I know it was passed in Kansas and I think there is a lot of momentum right now with gun legislation,” Green said. “I am not supportive of the law change. I think the

current law that we have that allows institutions to make those decision on their own is the best.”

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, eight states allow people to carry concealed weapons on campuses, 19 states have banned concealed weapons on college campuses as of October 2015 and 23 states leave the decision to the schools.

CENSORSHIP  
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The case, originating in Hazelwood, Missouri, gave administrators the right to censor high school journalists if they deemed their articles inappropriate or distracting to the school.

This limited First Amendment rights of students and set a precedent nationwide. Since the case, organizations like the Student Press Law Center (SPLC) have been pushing to

reverse it and have made progress in a few states.

Haahr hopes his bill will reverse the Hazelwood case in Missouri and set an example for other states around the country.

“I think it is really important to protect student journalists,” senior Skyler Clarke said. “I tried writing for my paper in high school, but I hated it because I felt like the principal and my teacher were always breathing over my shoulder. They didn’t give me chance to make mis-

takes and honestly scared me away from the profession. This is a really good thing for schools and students.”

This bill is also considered a response to the protests held last semester at the University of Missouri.

During the student led protests against the administration, two student journalists approached the protesters and were confronted with hostility by two professors of the university.

One of the aggressors, Melissa

Click, was an assistant communications professor. She called for other students to remove the two reporters, directly violating their first amendment right to film in a public area.

Click was suspended but Miz-zou, the third-ranked journalism program in the country, was highlighted by many as a hostile place for student journalists.

There are many that believe this is a move to make Missouri look like a paradise for journalists once again. “While I agree with the bill, I

can’t help but feel like it’s just another political move,” sophomore Steven Hill said.

However, some fear this bill will eliminate teachers’ ability to govern their classrooms.

Be it gun control, black lives matters or LGBT movements, Missouri has proven itself to be a battleground for major legislative change.

This student journalism rights bill is yet another major issue in front of an exceptionally active Missouri Legislature.

Private sector may regulate welfare

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Missouri lawmakers say they could save the state millions of dollars by ending benefits for people who are no longer eligible for them.

Legislation that cleared House and Senate committees would require the Department of Social Services to hire a company by next year to verify recipients’ eligibility for programs including Medicaid, food stamps, child-care subsidies and cash welfare payments. The company would flag cases for state employees to investigate.

State Representative Marsha Haefner said her legislation is meant to weed out fraud and waste, not remove people with real need.

“We can’t take care of the people who actually need help if we’re using all our resources on people who don’t need it,” Haefner said.

A House bill passed its first committee vote without dissent despite some initial skepticism from Democrats. Rep. Jeremy LaFaver, the Kansas City Democrat who is the committee’s ranking minority member, said he didn’t love the measure but could live with it because it would not create incentives for kicking people out of programs.

A similar bill by Sen. David Sater, R-Cassville, also cleared a Senate committee. House Speaker Todd Richardson said legislators will pass a law this year “requiring state agencies to fact-check applicants.”

The Department of Social Services verifies a person’s eligibility for each program at least once a year, according to an email from spokeswoman Rebecca Woelfel. Federal and state agencies also send them reports regularly.

The legislation would require a private contractor to conduct quarterly comparisons of recipients’ personal information against public records and databases, as well as examine monthly checks for people who have died, moved or gone to jail.

Haefner, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee on Health, Mental Health and Social Services, said money for the program was already included in this year’s budget.

Legislative researchers project hiring a company and processing the cases would cost about \$11 million over the next three years.

Of that, \$4.6 million would be state money and the rest would come from the federal government.

These researchers estimate this would amount to about \$24 million in savings to Medicaid and the food-stamps program over those three years. Missouri spends more than \$10 billion in state and federal money on those programs annually.

Other programs, such as the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, wouldn’t net any savings because they are required to disburse all of their funding, but about \$1.2 million would be redirected to other parts of the programs.

Those estimates are based largely on Illinois’ experience after hiring a private company, Maximus, in September 2012 to audit its Medicaid rolls. That contract ended in December 2013 and the work was shifted to public employees after a union dispute. The company still provides some support services.

Illinois Sen. Dale Righter, who was involved in drafting the legislation, said the program was a “smashing success” while it lasted in his state, and Missouri should move forward with it.

“In fact, I would drive to Jefferson City to testify on behalf of it myself,” said Righter.

According to a report to Gov. Bruce Rauner dated July 31, 2015 between February 2013 and February 2014, Illinois caseworkers reviewed more than 360,000 cases flagged by Maximus. The state cancelled about 148,000 cases , 41 percent of the total, but almost 28,000 were reinstated within three months.

“Those mistaken cancellations show databases have flaws. It’s not uncommon for people in poverty to move a lot or have mental illnesses, she said, so their data profile is even more likely to have mistaken information, just as it is more likely they can’t correct it,” Executive Director of Empower Missouri said Jeanette Mott said.

“When you’re real, real poor, you have nothing to fight with,” said Mott.

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Jan. 22  
An electric hammer and a concrete drill has been recovered at Route V and South Main.

Jan. 27  
A summons was issued to **James R. Schuler**, 21, for driving while intoxicated, leaving the scene of a crime and careless and imprudent driving at the 300 Block of North Vine.

A summons was issued to **Josey Forney**, 18, for minor in possession and being under 19 in a bar at the 300 Block North Market.

Feb. 03  
A summons has been issued to **Duane Abrams**, 58, for no valid driver license and failure to register a moving vehicle at 1100 block South Main.

Northwest Missouri  
State University  
Police Department

Feb. 03  
A summons was issued for stealing at Owens Library.

There is an open case for stealing at Tower Suites East.

Feb. 04  
**Ontario Hopkins** was arrested for a warrant at Tower Suites West.

There is an open case for stealing at an unknown location.

A summons was issued for liquor law violation at Forrest Village.

Feb. 06  
Three summonses were issued for liquor law violation at Forrest Village.

Four summonses were issued for Liquor Law Violation at Dieterich Hall.

A summons was issued for Liquor Law Violation at Hudson Hall.

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By Peter A Collins

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Clues Across

- Basics
- Paper container
- Diving ducks of N America having a bluish-gray bill
- Spruce
- Sacred choral composition
- Ear lobe decoration
- S Am. wood sorrel cultivated for its edible tubers
- Wolf drama series
- Straight, bowling or bobby
- Cotton growing region in W. Central India
- Tax saving retirement account
- Expresses pleasure
- Synoptical
- Peseta
- Oceans
- Weekday
- Octagonal motif in rugs
- Beam out
- Escargots
- Mother of Apollo in ancient mythology
- Fed
- A sleeveless garment like cloak but shorter
- Yugoslavian River
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Representational likeness
- Plundered
- Clothier
- \_\_\_ de Janeiro
- Peaceful relations
- Replaced union workers
- African people of Senegambia
- Every 24 hours
- 1/100 yen
- Summate

Clues Down

- Gum arabic
- Crazy, loco, wacky
- Unconnected
- Whirring sound
- Tartness
- A group of individuals
- Bard

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- Inspire with love
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- The woman
- Heroic tale
- Daddy
- Killing yourself
- In a way, discolours
- Artiodactyls
- Resistant to change
- Northeast
- Watering places
- A way to pave
- Value excessively
- Poplar trees (Spanish)
- Elk Grove High School

- Abroad
- Author George Bernard
- Old world, new
- Tiny insectivorous W. Indian bird
- British School
- Moroccan coastal region
- Radioactivity unit
- Sheep sound

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The American Sign Language sign for “unity” represents what many members of Deaf culture seek in their daily lives.

# Seeing the signs

## A reminder of Deaf culture, the overlooked minority

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America is in a constant battle to advocate for diversity, but too often we believe that culture is synonymous with race or ethnicity.

Webster defines culture as “the beliefs, customs, arts, etc., of a particular society, group, place or time.”

According to the World Federation of the Deaf, there are approximately 70 million Deaf individuals in the world. These 70 million people have their own language, traditions and values.

However, as America continues to fight for equality among all peoples, the Deaf community is often forgotten.

American Sign Language (ASL) was not recognized as a language in the United States until 1960. Even today, there are still three states that do not view ASL as a foreign language.

Freshman Rebekah Best learned how to sign when she was very young. Her ability to break language barriers allows her to communicate with her best friend.

Best met her best friend in the sixth grade and because of her knowledge of sign, Best was able to introduce herself and start building a relationship.

“From that point on, I became a lot more involved in the Deaf community,” Best said.

Best attended an open captioned showing of “The Revenant” Jan. 31 with sign language professor Marcy Roush and several other students studying sign.

“This film was supposed to be open captioned,” Best said. “However, it was merely subtitled, meaning that only the parts in a foreign language were displayed on the screen. This meant the movie could not be understood by the Deaf people.”

A common misconception about Deaf culture is that subtitles and closed/open captioning are the same. Subtitles are the translations of a foreign language and merely relay the dialogue.

Closed or open captioning means that the dialogue and the sounds are relayed. Open captioning is only used at movie theatres. By adding the sounds in the translation, Deaf people are better able to understand what is happening

in the movie and feel the intensity. Closed captioning is used on any other video medium.

Scary movies, for example, are infinitely less scary without the music to intensify the scene. By putting captioning in the movie, Deaf individuals are still able to experience the intensity.

“The Revenant” had 25 Deaf individuals in attendance and because there was a mix up with the captioning, 25 people did not understand the movie.

When Roush realized the problem, she had a student shine a light on her hands and she began signing the dialogue while trying to add the sound effects.

The hearing community around Roush did not understand the situation and was irritated by the light.

Because of the lack of captioning, the Deaf community left the movie theatre and was given a refund.

“This experience showed me that those who are inconvenienced once by another culture are much less accepting,” Best said. “While the other that is denied often is accepting as it is just a normal part of life.”

This calls into question equal access and equal opportunity. The Deaf community should be able to have access to the same information and entertainment that is available to the hearing community.

Junior Allison Parks has made this a personal mission.

“As you work with Marcy she starts to try and incorporate your major into sign language,” Parks said. “As I studied, I found this love for interpreting. I really wanted to incorporate interpreting and theatre.”

Parks decided that she either wanted to interpret theatre or travel with a group that puts on Deaf versions of plays.

Parks directed a one act play that showed at the PAC Feb. 6 entitled “Break Fast.” Along with the three hearing actors that portrayed the main characters, there were also three sign students who followed each actor and interpreted their lines.

“I was going to hire an interpreter, but Marcy got this idea in my head to do a project,”

Parks said.

Legally, the University would have to hire an interpreter for Parks’ show if there was even one Deaf individual in the audience. However, Parks found sign students interested in the project.

“My signers were able to break down that cultural barrier between hearing and Deaf culture. I wanted it to represent that whatever happens in a hearing family could happen in a deaf family as well,” Parks said. “Deaf people love and appreciate theatre just as much as we do. When an interpreter is present, they can still get the story, they still see the emotion on faces, they can still see the costumes and the lighting. If the actors are doing their jobs and the interpreters are doing theirs, then you shouldn’t need to hear to feel the emotion of the show.”

There are several other jobs in the Deaf culture besides interpreting. JJ Jones was born Deaf in Kansas City, Missouri. As a child, he watched “The Red Skeleton Show” and began mimicking his miming routines. He is now one of the most famous Deaf performers in the United States.

“For the past 20 years, I have been involved as an advocate for open captioned movies and also used to work for an independent living center as a Deaf program manager and mentor to young adults and youth,” Jones said.

Jones has been working for years to advocate for equal access and equal opportunity. He continues his work because he is passionate about making a difference in people’s lives. He also has some advice for people who want to get more involved in the Deaf community.

“I would go to an independent living center like MERIL in St. Joe and Maryville... where you can help. Seek Deaf clubs for networking advice. Maybe at schools where they have Deaf students,” Jones said.

The Deaf community is ever growing and has to fight for equality just like every other minority. Deafness should not be viewed as a disability, it is merely like the color of skin; something people cannot control.

“Deaf can do anything except hear. Treat Deaf and HH (hard of hearing) first class, not second,” Jones said.



# One act plays showcase Northwest students’ talents

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Last Friday and Saturday’s black box performance at the Ron Houston Theatre offered the first opportunity for some performing arts students to break-a-leg.

Students set up, directed and performed in “Personal Effects”, “Break Fast” and “A.M.L.”

“Personal Effects,” written by John McNamara and directed by junior Andrea Boswell, follows the romantic longings and awkward situations of six high school seniors during a date-night gone wrong.

Kevin Malloy (sophomore Connor Raabe) and his stooge buddies Artie Van Wyck (freshman Chris Skram) and Bill Sempson (sophomore Shawn Murphy) invite three girls over. Eileen Sorenson (sophomore Anna Kempf) and Mary Ann Casaldo (sophomore Hayley Munoz) show, but Sempson’s date skips out.

The act progresses as Kevin, inexperienced and taking advice from his pals, tries to woo Eileen Sorenson while Bill and Artie struggle to keep their relationships alive. In the end, it’s Kevin who ends up winning Eileen’s heart while Bill and Artie take note.

“Personal Effects” displayed Boswell’s first step into directing. The comedy stood out to Boswell as a story she related to.

“My parents fell in love in high school, and my parents’ parents... it kind of warms my heart to watch these characters grow through each other, almost like getting the chance to watch my parents fall in love,” Boswell said in her director’s note.

“Break Fast,” written by Douglas Craven and directed by junior Allison Parks, follows the story of Mr. and Mrs. Gray (senior Fred Vogel and junior Ashley Burns) as they watch their daughter Meghan (freshman Bri Fuller) grow from a toddler into a college freshman.

The couple struggles with seeing little Meggie transition into an adult. They face an empty nest and must now move on to the next stage of life.

Students also played the characters’ shadows (Mr. Grady’s shadow-sophomore Brady Reed, Mrs. Grady’s shadow-senior Kara Bussing and Meghan’s shadow-soph-



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Junior Allison Parks directed her one act, “Break Fast,” to incorporate the hearing and the Deaf communities. Her overall goal was to break down the language barrier and prove to her audience that what happens in hearing-abled families could happen in a Deaf families as well.

omore Elizabeth Brown) and conveyed the characters’ emotions through sign language.

“A.M.L.,” written by Jacquelyn Reingold and directed by junior Allison Nissley, showcases the trials of five women (sophomore Samantha Ruiz, junior Ashley Reynolds, sophomore Janelle Weber, sophomore Hannah Jahal and junior Nataleigh Brull) as they cope with their significant others’ fight against acute myeloid leukemia, which initials make up the title of the one act. Each woman handles the battle differently with treatments ranging from mainstream to alternative medicines.

A shorter rehearsal time remained one of the biggest stresses for the production in trying to keep with the director’s vision. Produc-

tion Manager for “A.M.L.” sophomore Kali Coats, and crew undertook the task of setting up scenes quickly and memorizing prop-placement with minimal practice time.

“We only had two days to figure out the transitions between shows, but each director has taken his or her own vision to the set so we have to play with what the directors have given us. If they have a really complicated set then we just kind of have to deal with the time limits... A lot of practice, just like doing it over and over so we know who’s grabbing what and when, and where it’s going. You just have to practice,” Coats said.

The one acts provided a particular challenge for the directors, cast and crew. Several limitations make

one acts tricky to direct as Boswell experienced firsthand.

“You’re only allowed five people or less...you have a time-limit..I have a very large set for the amount of space that the black box theater has, so that was a challenge, trying to play Tetris trying to get it all fit in there and getting actors to be able to still act and have space to move around on stage,” Boswell said.

Despite the challenges, the cast and crew found the experience fun. Skram said he enjoyed getting into character and screaming onstage.

“It was fun to have that big burst of anger and emotion onstage with another person because I thought Hayley and I had good chemistry yelling at each other,” Skram said.

Audience members filled the

room for the one-acts Friday and Saturday night. Sophomore Paul Bruce appreciated the actors’ performances.

“Worth noting is Nataleigh Brull’s performance in ‘A.M.L.’ It’s a one-act I had read over many times...but it never struck me as a particularly interesting work until I saw it performed. This was mainly due to Brull’s striking acting abilities, especially late in the play. She blew me away with her emotion and the effort she put in,” Bruce said. particularly interesting work until I saw it performed. This was mainly due to Brull’s striking acting abilities, especially late in the play. She blew me away with her emotion and the effort she put in,” Bruce said.

## THE STROLLER:

# Your woman wants you to let her be a little irrational

I will be the first to admit that sometimes I get angry and start an argument and I am not even sure what it is about.

However, that does not mean I want you to point that out.

One of the most frustrating things about being a girl is sometimes not having control over your emotions, AKA PMS.

Public Service Announcement: even if you think your woman is acting different because it’s her time of the month, you should never mention that, if you value your life.

In all seriousness, though, a

woman’s hormones go a little crazy during her periods.

Quite honestly, whenever this happens to me, I realize early on that I am being irrational and I no longer remember what I am yelling about in the first place. This causes me to become angrier and more irrational. It is a vicious cycle.

Even if you are well aware you are right in the situation and there is no reason that your woman should be mad at you, take a step back and let her get her emotions out.

Later on, feel free to bring it

up with your woman. Give her the time and space she needs to become OK, then let her know there were things that she said that were not true and that really bothered you.

I promise, your woman will be much more receptive to a productive conversation if you give her space to collect herself.

As always, stay thirsty.

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# Life goes on

A short story by Makenzie Dockerty

What happens when you disappear? What happens when you just simply need to leave? Well, according to you, life goes on. Everyone will just forget that you existed. Your family, friends and significant others will just let your memory slip from their minds. When you decide that you don’t need to exist anymore, all you can think about is yourself. You don’t think about the consequences of your actions. All you can think about is that life will go on without you.

But you are only thinking about yourself while you let the life leave your body. You don’t think about what everyone you’ve ever know is going to go through when you are gone. You don’t think about how this is going to destroy your family. Each and every one of them is going to destroy themselves because they have the thought that maybe they could have

saved you. It doesn’t matter if they haven’t talked to you in years, they will still try and figure out what they could’ve done to make it better for you, to try and save you. Your friends, or even enemies, will drive themselves mad trying to decide if it was them that had said something to push you over the edge. Your significant other will beat themselves up thinking about you, and knowing that they could have done something to help you.

So, while you may think that life will go on, you are being selfish. Life will not go on for anyone that has ever known you. They will continuously think about you and what they could have done to change your mind, to keep you with them just a little bit longer. Life does not go on, so think about the impact you have on others. Maybe, just maybe, your life will then go on.

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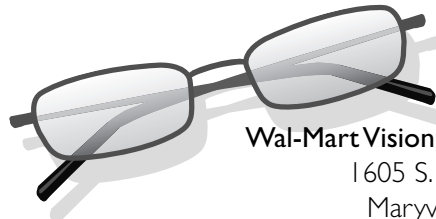
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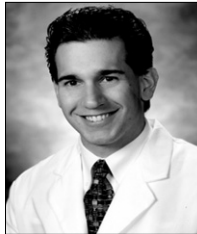
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BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Northwest defeated Lindenwood 75-73 Feb. 6 to avenge an early season loss. The victory gives the Bearcats a three-game lead with five conference games left.

MEN'S BBALL  
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"I think the biggest thing that helped us was our game against Washburn when other people had to step up," McCollum said. "I think guys have started to do that with Justin (Pitts) on the floor, which really balances our offense and it makes us very difficult to guard. The emergence of sophomore swingman Chris- Ebou Ndow and junior forward D'Vante Mosby has paid big dividends for the Bearcats.

Over the course of Northwest's last seven games, Ndow is averaging 11 points per game, giving the Bearcats a third and fourth scoring option. "He's been a lot better, he's bought into his role," McCollum said. "Once you start to buy into and attack that role, I think that really helps the team as a whole. He's kind of getting the rhythm and flow of the offense. At the beginning of the semester, I think he was shooting 20 percent from (three-point range), now he's shooting 37 or 40 percent,

somewhere in that range. He's definitely hitting his stride." Last week, Northwest picked up two key victories over Lindenwood and Lincoln, teams who had beat Northwest earlier in the season. "They were big wins, obviously, for the conference race," McCollum said. "(The victory over Lincoln was huge by) making sure they did not get the head to head in regional conversation. It's just good to play well late in the season. I think we're starting to hit a decent stride, especially

offensively." Northwest's win over Lindenwood gives the team a three-game edge with only five conference games remaining. Northwest will finish out its final two road games of the regular season when it faces Central Oklahoma and Northeastern State. Even though both of those teams are in the middle to the bottom half of the MIAA, those two games could pose as a tough matchup for Northwest. Earlier in the season, the

Bearcats beat Northeastern 78-74 at home and needed a few late free-throws to hold on for the win. If Northwest wins both of those games over the weekend, it will, at the very least, clinch a share of the MIAA regular season championship. Last year, the Bearcats enjoyed a similar win streak to close out the regular season. The Bearcats won 10 straight games before losing to Pittsburg State in the second round of the MIAA tournament.

BOY'S BBALL  
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Maryville and Cameron continued to capitalize on opportunities for the rest of the quarter. At the end of the first quarter, it was clear that Cameron was overmatched as they trailed Maryville 20-8. Maryville started the second quarter on a 9-0 run before Cameron answered back. Junior Trey Oglesby closed out the second quarter with two three-pointers in the final two and a half minutes of the half. Senior Chip Dunlap scored the first two points of the second half giving the Spoofhounds a 30-point lead. Cameron then outran the Spoofhounds putting up ten straight

points to make the score 48-27. The Spoofhounds returned to full advantage from that point on. Golightly assisted in back to back three-pointers by junior guard John Zimmerman and Oglesby. That was the beginning of a 17-2 run by Spoofhounds to close out the third quarter. By the time the third quarter came around, the clock ran non stop due to MSHAA's 30 point lead policy. That did not prevent Maryville from continuing to score. "We got off to a very slow start," Stoecklein said. "Later on, we pressured them real hard and got easy buckets. Once we got the easy buckets they came easier." Golightly had a game high 11

points. Senior Chip Dunlap, Zimmerman, and Oglesby each had 10 points. These individual performances show that the Spoofhounds have multiple scoring threats. "It is huge," sophomore Jakob woods said. "Anything that can help the team win helps." The Spoofhounds head to St. Joseph Benton for a MEC match-up Thursday, Feb. 11. This matchup will be huge to establishing who the Spoofhounds are heading into districts. "We just got to get ready for that. We got to work on our mental toughness," Stoecklein said. "We are going to be tired we are going to be beat up. We just got to head in strong and ready to play.

Super Bowl 50 should be Peyton Manning's last act



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From the beginning to the end, Super Bowl 50 was an utter mess. In fact, it is one the worst Super Bowls that I have ever watched. Keep in mind, I did not watch a Super Bowl game until 2004, when the Patriots defeated the Panthers with a last second field goal. Since then, there have been some memorable matchups. Fortunately for the NFL, Super Bowl 50 will not be remembered for the sloppy play, the offensive halftime show or the humorless commercials. It will hopefully be remembered as "Peyton's last rodeo." While Manning has not announced his decision for next season, the smart choice is retirement. Not many players get the opportunity to go out on top and end their career with a Super Bowl title. Jerome Bettis and Ray Lewis are perfect examples of players who had the opportunity. Like Manning, Bettis was not the main catalyst to his team's Super Bowl run. Bettis and Lewis were both in their mid-to-late thirties and both

of them knew their time was coming to an end. As much as I admired Bettis, I could not imagine him playing another year, and the same goes for Manning. Make no mistake about it, the Denver Broncos did not win the Super Bowl behind Manning's BB gun of an arm. They won it with an impressive display of tough defense. Ultimately, Manning has what I think is an easy decision. He can choose the road less-traveled and go out on top, or he could choose to play one more year and regret it for the rest of his life. There have been many players, such as Brett Favre, who have come back when they really should have just retired. As an NFL fan, one of the most painful things to watch is a former star athlete struggle because his skills have seriously diminished. As the saying goes, "all good things must come to an end." Regardless of Manning's decision and his most recent pedestrian performance, he will go down as one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever play the game. While Manning will not be remembered for his physical attributes, his uncanny preparation and his pinpoint accuracy will be cemented in his legacy.

Manning showed that he can win with the best, but he also showed that he can win with subpar talent. Above all, he is a winner. Manning has famously beat up on is the Kansas City Chiefs. He accumulated a 14-2 mark against the Chiefs, including two postseason wins. In those 16 games, Manning passed for 4,242 yards, 32 touchdowns and 16 interceptions. Manning also completed 62 percent of those passes. To put it simply, Manning has been the Chiefs' biggest nemesis for the last 18 seasons. Ironically, the Chiefs got the last laugh when they sacked and picked-off Manning four times in the second time they played against him this season. Many thought that would be the last time Manning would be seen on an NFL field. While Manning made a remarkable turnaround and led the Broncos to the Super Bowl, it became clear that he no longer had what it took to be an NFL quarterback. So while Manning sits back and drinks "a lot of Budweiser," he should give retirement a serious consideration. However, if Manning does in fact decide to come back, it will surely be the alcohol that is doing the talking.

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# Spoofhounds turn toward districts to salvage subpar season

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The Maryville wrestling team is on the prowl as it travels to Brookfield to compete in the District Tournament this Friday and Saturday.



This season has been full of ups and downs for coach Connor Kellerstrass and his team. Maryville currently holds a 5-7 record heading into Districts. The record may not show it, but Kellerstrass and his team are booming with confidence with less than a week left to prepare.

“(Confidence is) really high right now,” Kellerstrass said. “Last Thursday when we wrestled, we wrestled two good schools in Maysville and Lawson and the boys showed up and wrestled really well, so it was a really good momentum builder for districts this week.”

Last week, Maryville competed in the Quad State Tournament. The tournament took place in Maryville as the team finished sixth out of eight.

Senior Jacob Partridge has stood out and been on a roll lately. At the previous tournament, Partridge won a major decision, 12-0, over Jack Theisen of Millard South in the first round, and pinned Curtis Park of Bishop Miege in the semifinals. He went on to defeat a wrestler Clarinda Academy named only as “D



Senior Cody Jackson grapples a Falls City opponent to the ground during a Maryville meet Jan. 14.

B” to win the championship of the 113-pound weight class. Partridge moved to 27-10 for the season, picking up three wins on his way to the tournament title. The senior seeks to continue this momentum going into the final stretch of the season.

“I feel pretty confident going into it,” Partridge said. “I also don’t want to get overconfident, so I just have to take it one match at a time and not get too cocky.”

With this season being the final go around for Partridge, the pres-

sure continues to build. These last couple days, the senior has plenty to work on, including the position of his hips. For a wrestler, all of their power is created in their hip movement. This will be crucial if Partridge wants to gain any sort of ad-

vantage this weekend. “It’s going to be tough and it’s going to be a lot work,” Partridge said. “I need to be making sure my hips are in a good position at all times. That’s something I’ve been struggling with recently. If my hips are in good position, I should be good.”

This week, Kellerstrass’ only focus will be refining moves with each and every senior on the team to prepare them for the final match of their wrestling career.

“This whole week we are just individualizing stuff and working through the kinks,” Kellerstrass said. “The boys will be ready to go mentally and physically.”

It is now or never for Maryville. With the fluctuating record this season, Kellerstrass knows while some of his boys won’t advance, others will move on to the state tournament. Regardless of what position his athletes are in, Kellerstrass had one single message to his team before the matches are underway.

“Never give up, no matter the situation, no matter the time on the clock,” Kellerstrass said.

That attitude has been the driving force behind the Maryville wrestlers all season long. With this match being one of the last of the season, everyone looks to lay it all on the line.



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Junior infield Chantel Adams fields a ball against Upper Iowa March, 11 2015.

# Bearcats have high expectations as promising season approaches

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After a rough start to the 2015 season, head coach Ryan Anderson grew impressed with his team and the improvements it made during the final stretch of the season.



Finishing 17-10 over the last 27 games, Northwest’s strong second half helped push its record over .500. While the first half of the season experienced some turbulence, Anderson sees the arrow pointed up for this year’s group.

“We really came together during the last month and a half of the season,” Anderson said. “We struggled, it seemed like on paper, at the beginning.”

Like any other sport, softball deals largely with players in rhythm. Once a player’s routine is broken, it can have negative effects. Coach Anderson said the early season struggles were not an issue of talent or effort, but an issue of players getting familiar with the travel and uncertain of the schedule.

“We played our first tournament and the next weekend it got canceled,” Anderson said. “We got to

play another two games, then the next weekend was canceled and we just couldn’t get in rhythm. Once we were finally able to get in rhythm, we were able to make progress.”

The rhythm that Anderson spoke of is one of the key reasons the team was able to turn its season around and finish 26-24, going 16-10 during conference play. Considering the effort shown during the second half of the season, Anderson’s expectations have been raised for the 2016 season.

“I expect a lot due to the fact we didn’t lose a lot from last year,” Anderson said. “We had three players graduate: two pitchers and a first baseman. Even with all of them gone, the core of the team is back and has high expectations as well.”

That core includes junior Chantel Adams, who earned honorable mention All-MIAA honors while recording 41 RBI’s and a team-leading 14 doubles.

“Just continuing to get better each day,” Adams said. “Pretty much improving on the strong finish we had last year.”

Unlike most teams who center on a group of seniors, Anderson says this year’s team will ride the coat-

tails of the underclassmen.

“They had huge amounts of playing experience the past few years, so there shouldn’t be any downtime in regards to them trying to learn the game and we want to hit the ground running with them.”

Like many coaches, Anderson refuses to label any game as one that sticks out or one that the team must win. Instead, the focus should be on making sure the momentum from the previous season carries over into this year.

“I want to start off well,” Anderson said. “This first tournament we go to is a huge tournament in regards to establishing a rhythm. With the amount of quality teams that are there, it’s very important.”

Northwest enters this season ranked fifth in the preseason MIAA polls. With Anderson’s perceived core returning and momentum stretching back into the previous season, this year’s team looks to make significant strides and live up to its own expectations. Northwest opens the season at the Arkansas-Monticello 8-State Classic in Bentonville, Ark. Friday Feb. 2.

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# Wichmann sisters find strength in one another

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Sisters senior Chloe and freshman Audrey Wichmann have used Northwest’s track program to expand their relationship on and off the track.



This is Chloe’s fifth season on the team, but for Audrey, it is her very first. Even though it is Audrey’s debut, Chloe has played a significant role in acclimating her to the team and supporting her in everything she does.

“It definitely helps me stay calm knowing that I have a teammate there to compete with, but the fact is that she is my sister, so she knows how to calm me down,” Audrey said. “Having her support really helps me. Now that we’re at the same school and especially on the same team, we spend so much time together. It’s definitely been a tremendous difference on how close we’ve been.”

Chloe is known for pushing herself more and more each and every day, no matter how she ranks in her events. Audrey has taken notice of this and seeks to follow in her sister’s footsteps.

“She’s just always motivating me,” Audrey said. “Her work ethic makes me want to work harder. That really gives me the hope that makes me want to achieve the goals I want to. She’s done it with how hard she’s worked and it’s nice to have that role model.”

This is the first year Chloe and Audrey have competed on the same team. For Chloe, it is a privilege to be leading her sister.

“It’s cool to be on the same team as her because we have never gotten to experience that,” Chloe said. “We always want to support each other but also be competitive at the

same time. I’m excited to keep doing that and only have this year to do it so I’m going to try and make the most of it.”

Chloe has an impressive resume from her five seasons at Northwest. She was crowned the Indoor MIAA Champion in the 600 meter run with a season best time of 1:24.99 at the MIAA Championships during her sophomore year.

In her fourth season, Chloe advanced to the Division II National Championships in the heptathlon after scoring 5235 at the Mt. SAC Relays/California Invitational Multi Events, a new school record. She also tied the school record in the 800 meter run, was listed on the MIAA Academic Honor Roll and earned USTFCCCA All-Academic Honors.

Early in her senior year, she has picked up right where she left off. The gifted track star set two school records while automatically qualifying for the NCAA Division II National Championships in the pentathlon. The senior tallied a converted score of 3889 at the Charlie Foster Pre-Holiday Classic in Kearney, the second-best score in the country to date, and shattered the school record. The adjusted mark is the second-best score to date in Division II. In addition, the Kirksville native provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet with a long jump of 19 foot -1.5 inches, another indoor program record.

With such accomplishments, it’s easy for the senior to cast a shadow over her younger sister. For Audrey, it’s about paving her own path and showing what her strengths are.

“I don’t think it (her career) really puts a shadow over me,” Audrey said. “I hope to live up to what I can do and make a name for myself.”

Audrey has accumulated an impressive resume in her high school years as well. In her junior year, she



Sisters freshman Audrey Wichmann (left) and senior Chloe Wichmann build a relationship on and off the track.

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qualified for the MSHSAA Class 4 state Championships, placing 15th in high jump with a jump of 5 feet. In her senior year, she finished third overall in high jump with a jump of 5 feet 4 inches at the state Championships and finished seventh in the 400 meter dash.

Audrey has much to learn, but through her first season here at Northwest, her sister Chloe supports her every step of the way.

# Spoofhound junior leads team with hardworking mentality

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Junior guard Abbie Greeley has proven her “anything is possible if you work hard,” mentality all season and it has rubbed off on her teammates.

“The way that she sets an example is one of a kind,” assistant coach Jennifer Stock said. “She stays after practice almost every day and texts me asking if I can stay and go over things.”

The Spoofhounds sit at 5-14, an improvement over their one win campaign last year, and one ma-



ior reason for the team’s improvement this season is Greeley’s leadership and play. She helped her team put together a two-game win streak and win fifth place in the Cameron Invitational Basketball Tournament, along with scoring double digits in back to back games.

With a new coaching staff and young roster, Stock knew that leaders were going to have to step up.

“Her being a leader this year has been more impactful than her play,” Stock said. “When she stays after practice, the other girls see that and feed off of it. It is really fantastic.”

Greeley knew coming into the season that everyone was open to

learning new things and a new philosophy. That is a major key to success for a young team with a new coaching staff. It can be seen every day in practice and at games.

“I think attitudes are a key to our success. They are always good, really positive,” Greeley said. “We are working hard in practice every day. Hard work will pay off.”

Greeley’s leadership and the Spoofhounds’ toughness were put to the test when senior guard Jacquelyn Ware’s services became unavailable. This gave Maryville a little preview of how next season will look and what new leaders will emerge.

“I was proud of how we played.

It made us coaches excited,” Stock said. “Everyone stepped up and took different roles. Abbie stepped up and scored more points. It showed that we could play with new leaders.”

Greeley was one of those players that stepped up big time for the team.

“I think we played pretty well,” Greeley said. “It is tough to replace a player, but everyone stepped up.”

As the season starts to come to a close with five games left, Maryville can start looking forward to districts. With its recent success and great leadership, hopes are high for a district win.

“We have some tough games coming up to end the season, but our

biggest message to the girls will be keep your head,” Stock said. “Our main focus is get better, play our game and be ready for districts.”

“I think we will do pretty good to finish the season,” Greeley said. “We have tough opponents coming up, but I think we can do it.”

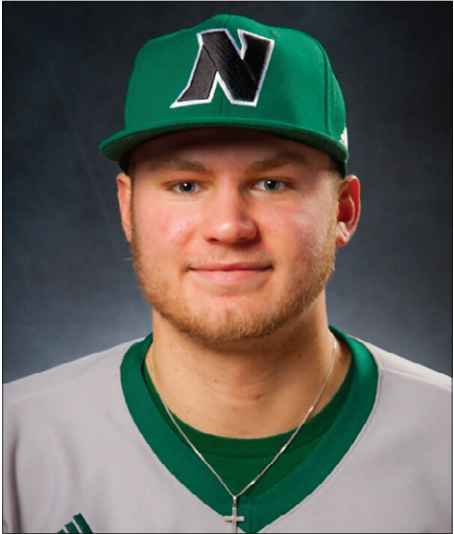
Year one of the Albrecht era has been a success. Building off the success of this season and adding in the strong leadership, the end of the season looks bright and the future looks brighter. Greeley and company look primed for a strong outing in districts and a phenomenal season next year.

# ATHLETES of the WEEK



## BEARCATS

Joseph Hietpas



The sophomore pitcher threw for five innings and had four strikeouts in Northwest’s 11-2 win over Christian Brothers. He only allowed two walks on four hits.

Kaley Hauschold



The junior short distance runner set a personal record in the 60 meter dash finals, finishing third with a time of 7.81. She also ran in the 4x400 relay team that placed third with a time of 4:06.55.

## SPOOFHOUNDS



Jasmin Howe



The junior guard had 19 points, seven rebounds, two assists and a steal in Northwest’s 66-60 win over Lindenwood.

Jacob Partridge



The senior wrestler is currently on a three game win streak heading into districts for the Spoofhounds. He had a 12-0 major decision and a pin at the team’s last tournament.





Sophomore guard Justin Pitts drives past a Lindenwood defender on his way to the basket in Saturday’s win. Bearcats advance to 17-5 in the season.

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# Bearcats remain hot ahead of final stretch

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The Northwest men’s basketball team (17-5) is on a seven-game win streak and has won 10 of its last 11 games, as they approach the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) conference tournament. There are only five regular season contests left in Northwest’s



schedule and the Bearcats are where they want to be. “I think we’re really starting to come together as a team,” senior guard Conner Crooker said. “From the beginning of the season, we knew we had a lot of talent and we were going to be really good. We did not know how good we could be, and I think we can still get even better. It’s nice to be winning all of these games, but we’ve still got to look ahead.” The last time Northwest lost was

Feb. 13 against Emporia State on the road. Even though it is difficult to win on the road, it was a game the Bearcats should have won. Instead of feeling sorry for itself, Northwest used the loss as an opportunity to reflect as a team. “It was not really a wake-up call, but it was like ‘we need to focus more in practice,’” Crooker said. “I think (the loss) really helped us focus in practice and get us where we need to be, which is playing as hard

as we can every day. Following the defeat against Emporia State, Northwest bounced back and won on the road against Washburn without the services of sophomore guard Justin Pitts. The win against Washburn jump-started the Bearcats’ seven-game win streak. Head coach Ben McCollum said his team’s performance against the Ichabods was a defining moment.

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# MIAA postseason berth remains possibility for women’s basketball

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As the end of the regular season approaches, the Northwest Missouri State women’s basketball team still hangs onto the hope it can make the postseason MIAA conference tournament. After coming out on top during the two previous contests against Lindenwood and Lincoln, head coach Buck Scheel appears to be pleased with the momentum gained heading into a two-game road trip. “Those were two good wins for us,” Scheel said. “We’re playing much better. Now we need to go out and grab two more.” Although Lindenwood fought back, Northwest held on to win 66-60. Senior guard Tember Schechinger noted how proud of the team she was following the close win. “We held together and didn’t let anything come between us even though they were making a push,” Schechinger said. “We’ve been stressing those things in practice and I could not be happier with the team.” Scheel made it clear during his press conference Tuesday that no team controls his team’s destiny



more than his players. Instead of focusing on the conference tournament, player’s sights have been far more nearsighted. “After winning consecutive games, I know the girls are ready to go,” Scheel said. “I don’t even preach postseason tournaments. We’re just focused on taking it one game at a time.” Averaging 21 points during the last two contest, Schechinger looks to lead the team into the final five-game stretch of the season. If the last few games are any indication, the team’s offensive identity is finally beginning to form. “Offensively, it really feels like it’s beginning to click,” Scheel said. “We’re starting to not play out of character, and at times earlier in the season, players were trying to do too much instead of being really good at what they can do to help the team.” Only the top 12 teams receive an invitation to the tournament and Northwest sits at 14th in the conference, two games behind Northeastern State. Fortunately for Northwest, the team will travel to Tahlequah, OK to take on the River Hawks of Northeastern State Saturday, Feb. 13. A win there should provide an added boost of confidence as Northwest comes back to Maryville for a

rough three-game stretch that includes 8th ranked Missouri Western, 21st ranked Emporia State and Southwest Baptist which, if the season ended today, would clinch the No. 9 seed and make it into the tournament. “You can solve a lot of problems by winning games,” Scheel said. “This trip coming up obviously is a big trip for us from where we’re sitting as well as for Northeastern State and Central Oklahoma and where they’re positioned.” According to Coach Scheel, keeping things simple appears to be the best approach moving forward for the team. He noted that once too much is placed on the player’s plate, bad basketball is the result. “We refer to it as it’s a big game because it is the next game,” Scheel said. “We’ve done a pretty good job with game prep and scouting. You get to this point and you have to limit it as many mistakes as possible and capitalize on the other team’s mistakes because as you get further in the year, those opportunities are far and few in between.” The Bearcats will travel to central Oklahoma 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 to kick off a two-game road trip before ending the season in a three-game home stand beginning Feb. 20.

# Spoofhounds win big on senior night

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The Maryville boys basketball team has won six of its last eight games and head into the final stretch on a high note. The Spoofhounds have been busy over the last three weeks playing three games in each week. Some of the games were played on back to back nights. The most recent were against Smithville, Kansas City, East Christian and Cameron. “They are exhausted,” head coach Matt Stoecklein said. “In each game we were tired, and worn out. We have had so many games in so many days. That is something we are going to fix with next year’s schedule. This year, we just have to go with it and turn around.” The Spoofhounds have won two of the last three games. It began with a 65-64 buzzer beater win over Smithville thanks to a last second half court shot by senior Jackson Golightly. “When it happened, it was so exciting but so unreal



that the ball went into the hoop,” Stoecklein said. “It was so awesome to have that thing in. It was also the first win over Smithville in a while, so it was good to get them.” The second game was against Kansas City East Christian. The first half was a fight in Maryville’s advantage. At half-time, the Spoofhounds led 29-27. East Christian wore Maryville out in the third quarter and took the lead. Maryville would not be able to catch East Christian in the game, leading to a 59-52 loss. “Last night in the third quarter, Kansas City East Christian put a little run on us,” Stoecklein said. “We had a tough loss, we didn’t play well. We also dealt with turnovers. We are going to fix that up though.” The Spoofhounds bounced back one night later with a 79-39 victory over the Cameron Dragons. There was no score until the the Spoofhounds went on an 8-0 run, not allowing the Dragons to score until there was 2:50 left in the first quarter.

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